



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Steve R. Christiansen
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Adam Robertson

Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff
Rep. Raymond P. Ward
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Rep. Kyle R. Andersen

Staff Present:

Mr. Art L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst
Mr. Ryan M. Hunter, Policy Analyst
Mr. Kurt P. Gasser, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Gus Harb, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Cherish Cosman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

1 . Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Kwan moved to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-10

Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. E. Weight

Rep. Christiansen introduced himself.

2 . Update: Local Option Sales Taxes Authorized by 2018 General Session S.B. 136 Transportation Governance Amendments

2 - Local Option Transportation Sales Taxes, Statewide Imposition Rates, Utah Association of Counties

Cameron Diehl, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns presented background on H.B. 362 (dealing with sales tax), collaboration using the funds raised, and future steps, and responded to committee questions.

Lincoln Shurtz, Governmental Affairs Director, Utah Association of Counties discussed the statewide transportation plan, the shortfalls in funding, current uses of the sales tax, and challenges facing the gas and sales taxes and answered committee questions.

3 . Annual State Highway System Modifications

Linda Hull, Legislative Director, UDOT, updated the committee on state highway systems and funding, the statutory change in I-15 connectivity with US6 as a controlled route, and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to open a committee bill file on topic The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-13

Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. E. Weight
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. M. Judkins
Sen. K. Mayne

Committee discussion on the motion proceeded.

4 . Federal Transportation Funding Update and State Funding Alternatives

[4a - Federal Transportation Program, UDOT](#)

[4b - State Funding Alternatives, UDOT](#)

[4c - Funding Alternatives List, UDOT](#)

Linda Hull, Legislative Director, UDOT, and Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, presented an overview of federal transportation funding programs, the impacts these programs have on state transit and infrastructure, challenges related to federal earmarks, competitiveness, flexibility, and other trends within the programs, the current status of the federal program, and responded to committee questions.

5 . Update: Rules Governing Transportation Commission Prioritization Process

Jim Evans, Commissioner, Utah Transportation Commission, presented an overview of the Transportation Commission and administrative rules and answered committee questions.

[5a - Draft Commission Rule R940-6.](#)

[5b - Planning and Investment Update, UDOT](#)

Terri Newell, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Transportation, explained the background of the prioritization process for the Transportation Commission and the draft administrative rule to implement the process and responded to questions from the committee.

6 . Update: Coordinated Mobility

Ryan Taylor, Coordinated Mobility Manager, UTA, presented an overview of coordinated services for those with limited mobility and responded to committee questions.

[6 - Status Update: Comprehensive Specialized Transportation Plan, UTA](#)

Christy Allen, Coordinated Mobility Specialist, UTA, explained the challenges facing limited mobility persons, the process and role of UTA in collaborating to facilitate a specialized transportation plan, updates and details of the plan, and responded to questions from the committee.

7 . Future of FrontRunner

[7 - Future of FrontRunner, UTA](#)

Bruce Cardon, Commuter Rail General Manager, UTA, presented the FrontRunner mission, planning studies and current status of FrontRunner service, impacts of demand on planning, and future steps for the rail service and answered questions from the committee.

Carolyn Gonot, Executive Director, UTA, spoke to building a vision for FrontRunner, developing a business plan jointly with agencies and communities, and supporting future growth and long-range service and answered committee questions.

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-14

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
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Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. E. Weight
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting.